

(Task #2384)

Bond Release Findings

Mine Name: Timberline Rock Pit
Operator: Timberline Rock Pit, LLC
PO Box 430
Bountiful, UT 84011

I.D. No.: S/049/0053
Mineral Ownership: Fee
Surface Ownership: Fee
Permit Term: 2005

Disturbed Area: 5 Acres**Regraded:** 5 acres**Reseeded:** 5 acres**Acres Bonded:** 5 acres**Acres Proposed for Partial Release:** 5 acres**Acres Released:** Partial release on 5 acres**Surety****Amount:** \$8,200**Form:** Letter of Credit – Prime Alliance Bank**Amount Proposed for Release:** operator requested maximum amount**Amount Released:** \$6,200**Amount Remaining:** \$2,000**Setting and Premining Environment**

This site is located approximately 6 miles south- southwest of Elberta, Utah. Located just above the agricultural fields on the eastern flanks of the Tintic Mountains. This was a sagebrush/grass community prior to mining, however, wildfires in 2005 and 2006 have left the mine area and surroundings a cheatgrass infested area, with very little desirable vegetation. There is no perennial water on or near the site, topography is relatively flat, with small 'dry' drainage channels. The premining land use was limited grazing.

Operations

Mining operations removed volcanic rock (landscape boulders) from the surface and excavation of shallow (10-15 foot) pits. Rocks were stockpiled along side the pits and loaded directly into dump trucks and taken to various job sites. There were no surface facilities, or fuel stored on site.

Reclamation

Reclamation of the site began in April of 2008. Pits were filled in, and the surface was regraded to match, to the extent possible surrounding topography and drainage patterns. The surface was left in a roughened condition to aid in erosion control and vegetation establishment. The area was seeded the first part of May, 2008 with a dryland pasture mix – to meet the post mining land use of grazing.

Mine Engineering

Public Safety: There are no steep slopes, highwalls or pits remaining on the area. It has been reclaimed to approximate original contour. Deleterious materials were not used or exposed by mining operations, and do not exist on the site?

Revegetation

While the area has been reseeded, it was completed within the last two weeks. The request for partial bond release is only for regrading costs. The Division will retain \$2,000 for any potential revegetation of the site

Recommendation

Since all earthwork and regrading has been completed, it is recommended that the Division approve the partial release of \$6,200.00 of the reclamation surety for this site. On May 16, 2008, Utah County concurred with this action.


 Permit Lead

6-3-08
 Date